

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
LANE EVANS, MEMBER OF CON-  
GRESS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the service of a highly effective and respected 24-year Member of Congress, on the occasion of his departure. I am grateful that I have been able to serve with Congressman LANE EVANS, who has long been a champion of working people and will always be remembered as a special champion of our Nation's veterans. The American people and our veterans are particularly fortunate indeed that Congressman EVANS served as ranking member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, beginning in 1995.

I associate myself with the remarks of my colleagues, who have spoken of LANE'S many accomplishments during his tenure here. He has adroitly used his legislative skills and concern to the benefit and well-being of the American people during his entire service, but his single-minded concentration on veterans' issues made that in many ways his very own issue. LANE'S experience in the Marine Corps, his service in Vietnam, and the affects of military service on the families of enlisted men and women never left LANE EVANS.

Over the course of his career, Congressman EVANS led a successful effort to pass legislation compensating Vietnam veterans for diseases linked to Agent Orange exposure, secured passage of legislation that provides health and compensation benefits for children of veterans exposed to Agent Orange, and co-sponsored legislation to ban the use of anti-personnel landmines which kill and maim people worldwide. It is no wonder that Congressman EVANS was named the recipient of the Vietnam Veterans of America's first annual Presidents Award for Outstanding Achievement, as well as the prestigious AMVET Silver Helmet Award.

I am pleased and proud to have served with Congressman LANE EVANS. I am certain that constituents and family are especially proud of his many accomplishments. LANE goes home with the best wishes and gratitude of Republicans and Democrats alike in this House.

HONORING CATHERINE LAMY, RE-  
CIPIENT OF THE ART PORTFOLIO  
SILVER AWARD

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catherine Lamy, an outstanding young artist from my district and recipient of the Art Portfolio Silver Award. This award, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, recognizes outstanding talent and creativity displayed by young artists and writers.

Under the guidance of her instructor at Stagg High School, Mr. Wesley Gonzalez, Catherine has created a remarkable portfolio, including eight award-winning pieces that are

acclaimed by the Alliance. These pieces clearly demonstrate her incredible ability and potential as an up-and-coming artist. As a recipient of this award, Catherine serves as an example to other young students who aspire to advance their creativity as a life path.

This year, the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers recognized a total of 1,448 students in the organization's Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in New York City. The students were honored by their peers at Carnegie Hall, where they had an opportunity to review the work of other students and meet with professional artists and writers.

It is my honor today to recognize Catherine Lamy as one of the outstanding young creative minds in our country, I am also pleased to acknowledge the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for their work in encouraging the talent of young people. We must continue to encourage, foster, and recognize the skills and abilities of our Nation's youth not only on special occasions, but on a daily basis.

HONORING HOLLOWAY HIGH  
SCHOOL AS A NO CHILD LEFT  
BEHIND BLUE RIBBON AWARD  
WINNER

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students, faculty and staff of Holloway High School for earning a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award for academic superiority.

Located in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Holloway High School serves 176 Rutherford County students who have fallen behind academically but have a sincere desire to catch up and graduate. The school was named a Blue Ribbon school by the U.S. Department of Education for scoring in the top 10 percent of all schools in Tennessee for 3 consecutive years.

No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon schools are selected by the U.S. Department of Education as a way to recognize schools across the country that show either high achievement or dramatic improvement.

Principal Ivan Duggin says the school will continue to evolve and do whatever it takes to remain one of the top schools in the state of Tennessee and the country. Mr. Duggin has said, "We will not rest on success. We will constantly be focused and seeking to find the best people, practices and strategies which will yield superior results."

This award is evidence of the hard work put forth by the faculty, students and staff at Holloway High School. I am truly proud of them for their efforts, and I commend them on this achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF RIDGEWOOD  
PROPERTY OWNERS AND CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association (RPOCA), a not for profit organization committed to the development of a more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Since its inception, RPOCA has served countless property owners and residents in the Ridgewood community of Queens, New York. This first rate organization has been instrumental in the ongoing restoration of our historically rich community, proactively supporting beautification projects throughout Ridgewood and advocating against redevelopment that threatens the livelihood of our neighborhoods.

RPOCA has taken a leadership role in supporting the revitalization of our neighborhoods, educating homeowners and spearheading initiatives that protect affordable housing for working families in Ridgewood. This unwavering commitment to civic participation in local preservation efforts is commendable and has strengthened the foundation upon which the community continues to grow.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate the RPOCA, its Board of Directors, membership, and this year's honorees—Angie Tantillo and Frank Cicero—upon celebrating 75 years of service to Ridgewood residents.

TRIBUTE TO THE FELIX FAMILY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Felix Family of Viroqua, Wisconsin. On December 16, 2006, after 100 years and three generations, Felix's Men's and Women's Clothing will be closing. This store has been a pillar of Viroqua's downtown business district and an integral part of the community. Thanks to Felix's and other small businesses, Viroqua continues to have a vibrant downtown.

Steve Felix has owned and operated Ted Felix's since the early 1970s. Steve is a good friend who is not shy in imparting his advice on me during my frequent visits to Felix's. Steve told me once that back when Senator Proxmire served the people of Wisconsin, he would often stop at Felix's and shake Steve's hand. On one of these occasions, Steve scolded the Senator and told him that he needed to start dressing better in order to look like a United States Senator. Senator Proxmire bought a suit from Steve that very day, and during every occasion when he saw Steve he would ask Steve how he looked to ensure his dress was appropriate. As my wife Tawni can attest, Steve has continued this tradition by selling me suits so I am more appropriately dressed.

Small businesses like Felix's are vital to the well-being of rural America because of the unique spirit, personal service, and character they impart on small towns. They are what make shopping on our main streets an enjoyable and personal experience.

Steve's leadership and dedication, along with his wife Betty and their two children Randy and Erica, has made Viroqua and Vernon County a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I commend Steve, the Felix